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NOTIFICATION OF TRANSMITTAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT OR THE DECLARATION

(PCT Rule 44.1)

Date of Mailing
(day/month/year)

11 AUG 2003

Applicant's or agent's file reference SIGNUM 1 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION See paragraphs 1 and 4 below
International application No. PCT/US03/07658	International filing date (day/month/year) 18 MARCH 2003
Applicant SIGNUM BIOSCIENCES, INC.	

1. The applicant is hereby notified that the international search report has been established and is transmitted herewith.

Filing of amendments and statement under Article 19:

The applicant is entitled, if he so wishes, to amend the claims of the international application (see Rule 46):

When? The time limit for filing such amendments is normally two months from the date of transmittal of the international search report.

Where? Directly to the International Bureau of WIPO, 34 chemin des Colombettes
1211 Geneva 20, Switzerland, Facsimile No.: (41-22) 740.14.35

For more detailed instructions, see the notes on the accompanying sheet.

2. The applicant is hereby notified that no international search report will be established and that the declaration under Article 17(2)(a) to that effect is transmitted herewith.

3. With regard to the protest against payment of (an) additional fee(s) under Rule 40.2, the applicant is notified that:
 the protest together with the decision thereon has been transmitted to the International Bureau together with the applicant's request to forward the texts of both the protest and the decision thereon to the designated Offices.
 no decision has been made yet on the protest; the applicant will be notified as soon as a decision is made.

4. **Reminders**

Shortly after 18 months from the priority date, the international application will be published by the International Bureau. If the applicant wishes to avoid or postpone publication, a notice of withdrawal of the international application, or of the priority claim, must reach the International Bureau as provided in rules 90 bis.1 and 90bis.3, respectively, before the completion of the technical preparations for international publication.

Within 19 months from the priority date, but only in respect of some designated Offices, a demand for international preliminary examination must be filed if the applicant wishes to postpone the entry into the national phase until 30 months from the priority date (in some Offices even later); otherwise the applicant must, within 20 months from the priority date, perform the prescribed acts for entry into the national phase before those designated Offices.

In respect of other designated Offices, the time limit of 30 months (or later) will apply even if no demand is filed within 19 months.

See the Annex to Form PCT/IB/301 and, for details about the applicable time limits, Office by Office, see the *PCT Applicants's Guide*, Volume II, National Chapters and the WIPO Internet site.

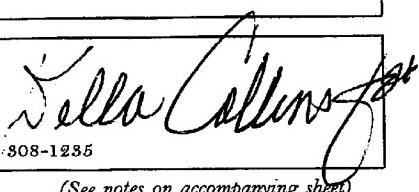
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(See notes on accompanying sheet)

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INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

(PCT Article 18 and Rules 43 and 44)

Applicant's or agent's file reference SIGNUM 1 WO	FOR FURTHER ACTION	see Notification of Transmittal of International Search Report (Form PCT/ISA/220) as well as, where applicable, item 5 below.
International application No. PCT/US03/07658	International filing date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 19 MARCH 2003	(Earliest) Priority Date (<i>day/month/year</i>) 13 MARCH 2002
Applicant SIGNUM BIOSCIENCES, INC.		

This international search report has been prepared by this International Searching Authority and is transmitted to the applicant according to Article 18. A copy is being transmitted to the International Bureau.

This international search report consists of a total of 3 sheets.

It is also accompanied by a copy of each prior art document cited in this report.

1. Basis of the report

a. With regard to the **language**, the international search was carried out on the basis of the international application in the language in which it was filed, unless otherwise indicated under this item.

the international search was carried out on the basis of a translation of the international application furnished to this Authority (Rule 23.1(b)).

b. With regard to any **nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence** disclosed in the international application, the international search was carried out on the basis of the sequence listing:

contained in the international application in written form.

filed together with the international application in computer readable form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in written form.

furnished subsequently to this Authority in computer readable form.

the statement that the subsequently furnished written sequence listing does not go beyond the disclosure in the

the statement that the information recorded in computer readable form is identical to the written sequence listing has been furnished.

2. Certain claims were found unsearchable (See Box I).

3. Unity of invention is lacking (See Box II).

4. With regard to the title,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established by this Authority to read as follows:

5. With regard to the **abstract**,

the text is approved as submitted by the applicant.

the text has been established, according to Rule 38.2(b), by this Authority as it appears in Box III. The applicant may, within one month from the date of mailing of this international search report, submit comments to this Authority.

6. The figure of the **drawings** to be published with the abstract is Figure No. _____

as suggested by the applicant.

None of the figures.

because the applicant failed to suggest a figure.

because this figure better characterizes the invention.

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International application No.

PCT/US03/07658

A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC(7) :C07H 21/04; C12N 9/12; C12Q 1/42, 1/48

US CL :435/15, 21, 194; 536/23.2

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

U.S. : 435/15, 21, 194; 536/23.2

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practicable, search terms used)

WEST, CHEMICAL ABSTRACTS, MEDLINE

C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category*	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	US 6,200,768 B1 (MANDELKOW et al.) 13 March 2001, see column 1 last paragraph bridging to column 2, column 2 lines 52-55, column 7 lines 38-53, column 12 lines 50-53, column 44 lines 28-30.	1-16
X	US 6,277,56 B1 (BEACHY et al.) 21 August 2001, see column 2 lines 50-58, column 3 lines 44-59, column 10 last paragraph, column 17 lines 13-29.	1-16
A/E	US 6,376,205 B1 (WISCHIK et al.) 23 April 2002, see column 3 last full paragraph.	1-16
T/P	US 6,541,468 B1 (RODER et al.) 01 April 2003, see column 1 lines 49-55.	1-16

Further documents are listed in the continuation of Box C. See patent family annex.

* Special categories of cited documents:	"T"	later document published after the international filing date or priority date and not in conflict with the application but cited to understand the principle or theory underlying the invention
"A"		document defining the general state of the art which is not considered to be of particular relevance
"E"	"X"	earlier document published on or after the international filing date
"L"		document which may throw doubts on priority claim(s) or which is cited to establish the publication date of another citation or other special reason (as specified)
"O"		document referring to an oral disclosure, use, exhibition or other means
"P"	"Y"	document published prior to the international filing date but later than the priority date claimed
	"&"	document member of the same patent family

Date of the actual completion of the international search

09 JULY 2003

Date of mailing of the international search report

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P, Y	SCOTT B. Protein Phosphatase 2A Methylation. FEBS Letters 2002. Vol. 518, No. 1-3, pages 1-4.	1-16
X	FLOER M. Carboxyl Methylation of Protein Phosphatase 2A From Xenopus Eggs is Stimulated by cAMP and Inhibited by Okadaic Acid. Biochem and Biophysical Res Com. January 1994. Vol. 198, No. 1, pages 372-379.	1-16
X	LEE J. A Specific Protein Carboxyl Methyltransferase That Demethylates Phosphoprotein Phosphatase 2A in Bovine Brain. Proc Natl Acad Sci USA. June 1996. Vol. 93, No. 12, pages 6043-6047, see particularly on page 6046 Fig. 4.	1-16
A	WU J. Carboxyl Methylation of the Phosphoprotein Phosphatase 2A Catalytic Subunit Promotes its Functional Association with Regulatory Subunits. The EMBO Journal. 2000. Vol. 19, No. 21, pages 5672-5681, see entire article.	1-16
A	TOLSTYKH T. Carboxyl Methylation Regulates Phosphoprotein Phosphatase 2A by Controlling the Association of Regulatory B Subunits. The EMBO Journal. 2000. Vol. 19, No. 21, pages 5682-5691, see entire document.	1-16
Y	WO 01/57535 A2 (RODER) 09 August 2001, see page 5 last paragraph.	1-16
Y	JP 2000-37188 A (MANDELKOW et al.) 08 February 2000, see abstract.	1-16
P, X	FR 2,827,866 A1 (GARCIA) 31 January 2003, see abstract.	1-16